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SUBJECT: TRAIN TRANSIT OF BERLIN

REF: A) MOSCOW 13416 B) USBERLIN 1698 C) BERLIN 6413 D) MOSCOW 11931

1. SUMMARY: MISSION RECOMMENDS TESTING BORDER CONTROL PROCEDURES WITHIN BERLIN IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER TRAVELLERS FROM MOSCOW AND OTHER EAST EUROPEAN POSTS COULD MAKE USE OF LESS EXPENSIVE TRAIN TRAVEL FOR TRIPS TO AND FROM WESTERN EUROPE. END SUMMARY.

2. IN VIEW OF MOSCOW'S RECOMMENDATION (REF A) CONCERNING USEFULNESS OF TRAIN TRAVEL VIA BERLIN AS SUPPLEMENTARY MEANS OF GETTING TO WEST, MISSION HAS INVESTIGATED GDR CONTROLS ON TRAIN PASSENGERS AT SECTOR-SECTOR BOUNDARY WITHIN BERLIN. OUR PREVIOUS INFORMATION THAT GDR OFFICIALS CARRY OUT CONTROL PROCEDURES AT SECTOR-SECTOR LINE WAS BASED ON EXPERIENCES OF BRITISH EMBASSY EAST BERLIN WHO HAD TESTED PROCEDURE ON INTERNATIONAL TRAINS LAST YEAR AND FOUND THAT GDR STAMPS ARE APPLIED BETWEEN FRIEDRICHSTRASSE STATION IN EAST BERLIN AND ZOO STATION IN WEST BERLIN, AT LEAST FOR SOME TRAVELERS.

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3. ACCORDING TO DIRECTOR OF FRG PASSPORT CONTROL
SERVICES AT FRG RAILROAD CONTROL POINT ON FRG-GDR
BORDER (HELMSTEDT), SUCH STAMPS ARE ONLY GIVEN WHEN
INTERNATIONAL TRAIN TRAVELLERS BREAK THEIR JOURNEY IN
WEST BERLIN. FOR EXAMPLE, IN CASE OF WESTBOUND TRANSIT
TRAVELLERS GDR VISAS AND ENTRY STAMPS ARE ISSUED ABOARD
TRAIN AT POLISH-GDR BORDER (FRANKFURT-AN-DER-ODER). EXIT
STAMPS ARE GIVEN AT GDR-FRG BOR6PX@<25F"P!\$->_114AAE_)!>
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